

House Resolution 969

By: Representatives Ashe of the 56th, Oliver of the 83rd, Dobbs of the 53rd, Drenner of the 86th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Atlanta Pet Rescue; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, a nonprofit organization, Atlanta Pet Rescue began in 1999, with the vision of
3 Judy Price, who saw that many loving animals were being euthanized by shelters due to the
4 enormous number of pets surrendered and abandoned each day; and

5 WHEREAS, Atlanta Pet Rescue gives dogs and cats from rural high kill animal shelters and
6 puppy mill seizures, as well as animals that have been abused and neglected, a second chance
7 at life, providing these defenseless and sick or injured animals with compassionate care and
8 expert medical treatment; and

9 WHEREAS, once rescued, Atlanta Pet Rescue ensures that the animals are vaccinated,
10 treated for intestinal and external parasites, spayed or neutered, properly socialized, and
11 lavished with an abundance of love, care, and affection; and

12 WHEREAS, many animals who are taken in by Atlanta Pet Rescue require medical treatment
13 for preventable and curable problems such as heartworm disease, skin problems, and broken
14 limbs, and Atlanta Pet Rescue has fostered an excellent relationship with Paces Ferry
15 Veterinary Clinic which assists this no-kill shelter in many of their extreme medical cases
16 and emergencies, treating each animal with gentle and caring hands; and

17 WHEREAS, over the years, Atlanta Pet Rescue has expanded greatly, purchasing its own
18 stand-alone building, open to the public for adoptions in November, 2004, and growing to
19 include seven employees and countless dedicated volunteers; and

20 WHEREAS, Atlanta Pet Rescue also maintains a first-class website with over 200,000 hits
21 a day, displaying photos of pets up for adoption with descriptions of their backgrounds,
22 allowing potential adopters to learn about them and giving those who are unable to volunteer
23 their time the opportunity to make monetary donations to specific animals and watch that

24 animal's progress, with updates from doctors' visits, foster home reports, and pictures with
25 the new family on adoption day; and

26 WHEREAS, the staff and volunteers at Atlanta Pet Rescue are determined to find the best
27 possible forever home for their animals, utilizing an extensive application and screening
28 process to allow potential adopters to find a perfectly matched pet with the appropriate
29 temperament for their lifestyle, ensuring that the animals never end up in a shelter or
30 neglectful situation again; and

31 WHEREAS, the employees and volunteers at Atlanta Pet Rescue are committed to
32 comforting and making each day better for the animals at the shelter; and

33 WHEREAS, to date, Atlanta Pet Rescue has found over 9,000 dogs and cats loving, forever
34 homes, and their outstanding work has been recognized by *Atlanta Magazine* as a Best Place
35 to Adopt in 2008 and 2009; and

36 WHEREAS, the selfless devotion of Atlanta Pet Rescue to rescuing animals in need and
37 finding them loving homes and the incredible compassion for animals demonstrated by the
38 employees and volunteers of this organization is worthy of recognition.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
40 the members of this body commend Atlanta Pet Rescue for improving the lives of families
41 and animals through their innovative, humane, and benevolent animal rescue efforts.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
43 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Atlanta Pet Rescue.